# GUIDE FOR CALCULATING LOSS-OF-FUNCTION BENEFITS FOR INJURIES OCCURING ON OR AFTER DECEMBER 24, 1991

#### **EYES**

#### SECTION 36, PARAGRAPHS (a), (b) & (c)

a. Total loss of vision, or reduction to 20/70 of one eye with glasses. Loss of single binocular vision.

SAWW x 39

b. Total loss of vision, or reduction to 20/70 of both eyes with glasses.

SAWW x 96

c. For any correctible permanent but partial reduction in acuity or field of vision, an amount in proportion to the total loss of use or the reduction to 20/70 of normal vision.

20/30	SAWW x 10
20/35	SAWW x 12.5
20/40	SAWW x 14.5
20/45	SAWW x 19.5
20/50	SAWW x 24.5
20/60	SAWW x 34.5
20/70	SAWW x 39

#### <u>EARS</u>

#### Section 36, paragraph (d)

d. Total loss of hearing of one ear SAWW x 29

Total loss of hearing of both ears SAWW x 77

#### <u>ARMS</u>

#### Section 36, paragraph (e)

For amputation or permanent loss of use - major arm SAWW x 43

For amputation or permanent loss of use - minor arm SAWW x 39

For amputation or permanent loss of use - both arms

SAWW x 96

Elbow joint - 65% of arm shoulder - 60% of arm

# APPLICABLE TO INJURIES OCCURRING ON AND AFTER DECEMBER 24, 1991 MAXIMUM DISFIGUREMENTS AWARD = \$15,000

#### **Disfigurement Awards For Partial Loss of Fingers**

One phalanx of 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> finger = 50% of finger. Two phalanges of 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> finger = 90% of finger. One phalanx of thumb = 90% of thumb.

#### Three Examples

EX. 1. If someone loses half a thumb and all of  $2^{nd}$  and  $3^{rd}$  fingers, then 90% + 100% + 100% divided by 3 = 96.7% of  $22 \times SAWW$ 

(from line 7 on the following page)

EX. 2. If someone loses one phalanx of  $2^{nd}$  finger, 2 phalanges of a  $3^{rd}$  finger and all of  $4^{th}$  finger, then 50% + 90% + 100% = 240% divided by 3 = 80% of  $22 \times SAWW$  (from line 19)

EX. 3. If someone loses one phalanx of each of  $2^{nd}$  and  $3^{rd}$  fingers, then 50% + 50% = 100% divided by 2 = 50% of 16.5 x SAWW (from line 22).

## Disfigurement Awards for Amputations of Toes or Parts Thereof

Large toe SAWW x 3
One phalanx thereof SAWW x 2

Other toes SAWW x 2
One phalanx thereof SAWW x 1

#### HAND & WRIST

#### Section 36, Paragraph (f)

For amputation or permanent loss of use

- major hand SAWW x 34

For amputation of permanent loss of use

- minor hand SAWW x 29

For amputation of permanent loss of use - both hands

SAWW x 77

#### **FINGERS**

Thumb-40% of hand Index-25% of hand Middle-20% of hand Ring-10% of hand Little-5% of hand One phalanx of thumb -75% One phalanx of finger - 45% Two phalanges of finger - 80%

#### **LEGS**

## Section 36, Paragraph (g)

For amputation or permanent loss of use

- either leg

SAWW x 39

For amputation or permanent loss of use

- both legs

SAWW x 96

Knee - 50% of leg Hip - 25% of leg

#### **FEET & ANKLES**

## Section 36, Paragraph (h)

For amputation or permanent loss of use

- either foot at any point above ankle joint.

SAWW x 29

For amputation or permanent loss of use

- both feet at any point above ankle joints

SAWW x 68

Large toe - 18% of foot (first joint - 13.5% of foot) other toes - 5% of foot (first joint - 2% of foot)

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#### **VARIOUS LOSSES OF FUNCTION**

#### Section 36, Paragraph (J)

<u>Spine</u>	dorsal, lumbar sacrum total loss	SAWW x 32
	Cervical - 75% of maximum	SAWW x 24
<u>Equilibrium</u>	Total loss of ability to stand	SAWW x 21
<u>Lung</u>	Loss of one lung	SAWW x 16
<u>Kidney</u>	Loss of one kidney	SAWW x 16
<u>Language comprehension</u> Total loss		SAWW x 32
Sexual functi	on Total loss	SAWW x 10
Taste or smel	<u>l</u> Total loss of either	SAWW x 16 $(both = 32x)$
<u>Spleen</u>	Loss of spleen	SAWW x 10
<u>Urinary or bowel</u> Total loss of either		SAWW x 29
<u>Teeth</u>	Loss of each	SAWW x 1

Note: This list is not intended to be exhaustive of the functional losses compensable under  $\$36\ (1)(j)$ .

THE AGGREGATE PAYMENT FOR ALL LOSSES OF FUNCTION UNDER SECTION 36(1) (J) MAY NOT EXCEED SAWW X 80

# GUIDE FOR CALCULATING <u>PURELY SCAR-BASED</u> DISFIGUREMENTS FOR INJURIES OCCURING ON OR AFTER DECEMBER 24, 1991 MAXIMUM DISFIGUREMETNS AWARD = \$15,000

### Section 36, Paragraph (k)

#### FACE (Maximum \$15,000)

Linear scar, no disc.

Linear scar, with disc.

- 2 x SAWW per inch

3.25 x SAWW per inch

Wide scar, no disc.

- 3.5 x SAWW per inch

Wide scar, with disc.

- 6.5 x SAWW per inch

#### HAND (22x SAWW)

Linear scar, no disc.

Linear scar, with disc.

- 1 x SAWW per inch

1.75 x SAWW per inch

Wide scar, no disc.

- 2 x SAWW per inch

Wide scar, with disc.

- 2.5 x SAWW per inch

(In no instance shall amount for disfigurements to fingers exceed allowances for amputations.)

#### NECK OTHER THAN FACE (22x SAWW)

Linear scar, no disc.

Linear scar, with disc.

- 1 x SAWW per inch

1.5 x SAWW per inch

Wide scar, no disc.

- 1.75 x SAWW per inch

Wide scar, with disc.

- 2 x SAWW per inch